
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO COQUI FROGS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. Section 141-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 **"§141-3 Designation of pests; control or eradication of**
4 **pests; emergency power.** (a) The department of agriculture
5 shall [~~establish~~] designate the coqui frog as a pest. All other
6 pest designations shall be established by rule, including the
7 criteria and procedures for the designation of pests for control
8 or eradication.

9 (b) The department of agriculture shall, so far as
10 reasonably practicable, assist, free of cost to individuals, in
11 the control or eradication of insects, mites, diseases, noxious
12 weeds, or other pests injurious to the environment or vegetation
13 of value; and in the investigation, suppression, and eradication
14 of contagious, infectious, and communicable diseases among
15 domestic animals; and shall in like manner distribute to points
16 where needed, beneficial insects, or pathogens and other
17 antidotes for the control of insects, mites [~~and~~], diseases, or
18 other pests injurious to the environment or vegetation of value,



1 and for the control or eradication of vegetation of a noxious
2 character.

3 (c) Notwithstanding subsection (a), if the department
4 finds the incipient infestation of a pest that has an adverse
5 effect on the environment or that is injurious or deleterious or
6 that is likely to become injurious or deleterious to the
7 agricultural, horticultural, aquacultural, or livestock
8 industries of the State without immediate action, it may proceed
9 without prior notice or upon a minimum of forty-eight hours
10 notice and hearing to adopt an emergency rule for the
11 eradication of the pest to be effective for a period of not
12 longer than one hundred eighty days without renewal."

13 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
14 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

15 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Report Title:

Pests; Coqui Frogs

Description:

Designates "coqui frogs" as a pest subject to control or eradication by the department of agriculture. (CD1)

